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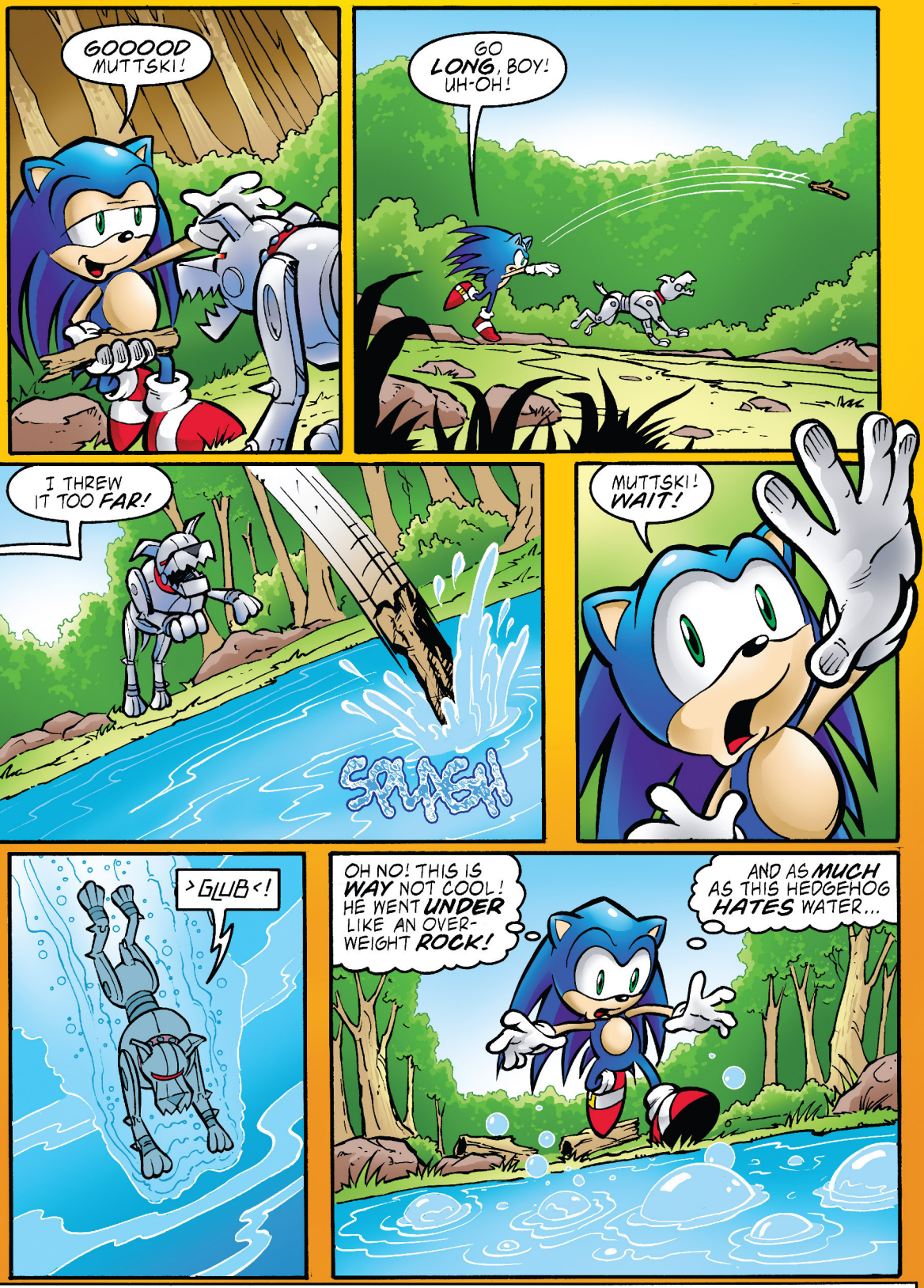
PART 1
THERE IT GOES, MUTTSKI! FETCH, BOY!
ROWF! ROWF!
BRAKT
WHOA!
SOMETIMES I FORGET HOW TOUGH HIS ROBOTICIZED HIDE CAN BE!


GOOOOD MUTTSKI!
GO LONG, BOY! UH-OH!
I THREW IT TOO FAR!
SPLASH
MUTTSKI! WAIT!
>GLUB<!
OH NO! THIS IS WAY NOT COOL! HE WENT UNDER LIKE AN OVER-WEIGHT ROCK!
AND AS MUCH AS THIS HEDGEHOG HATES WATER...

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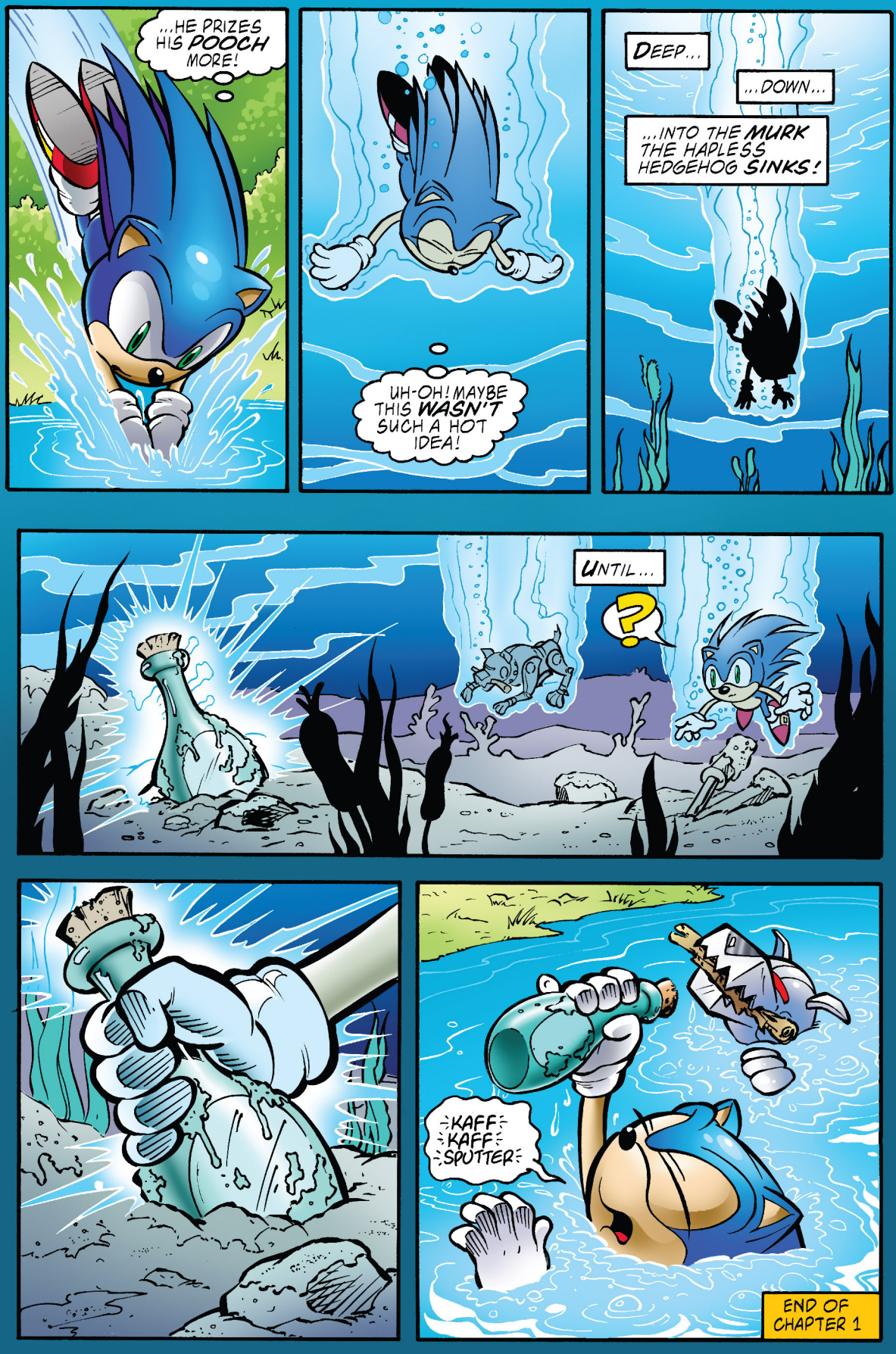
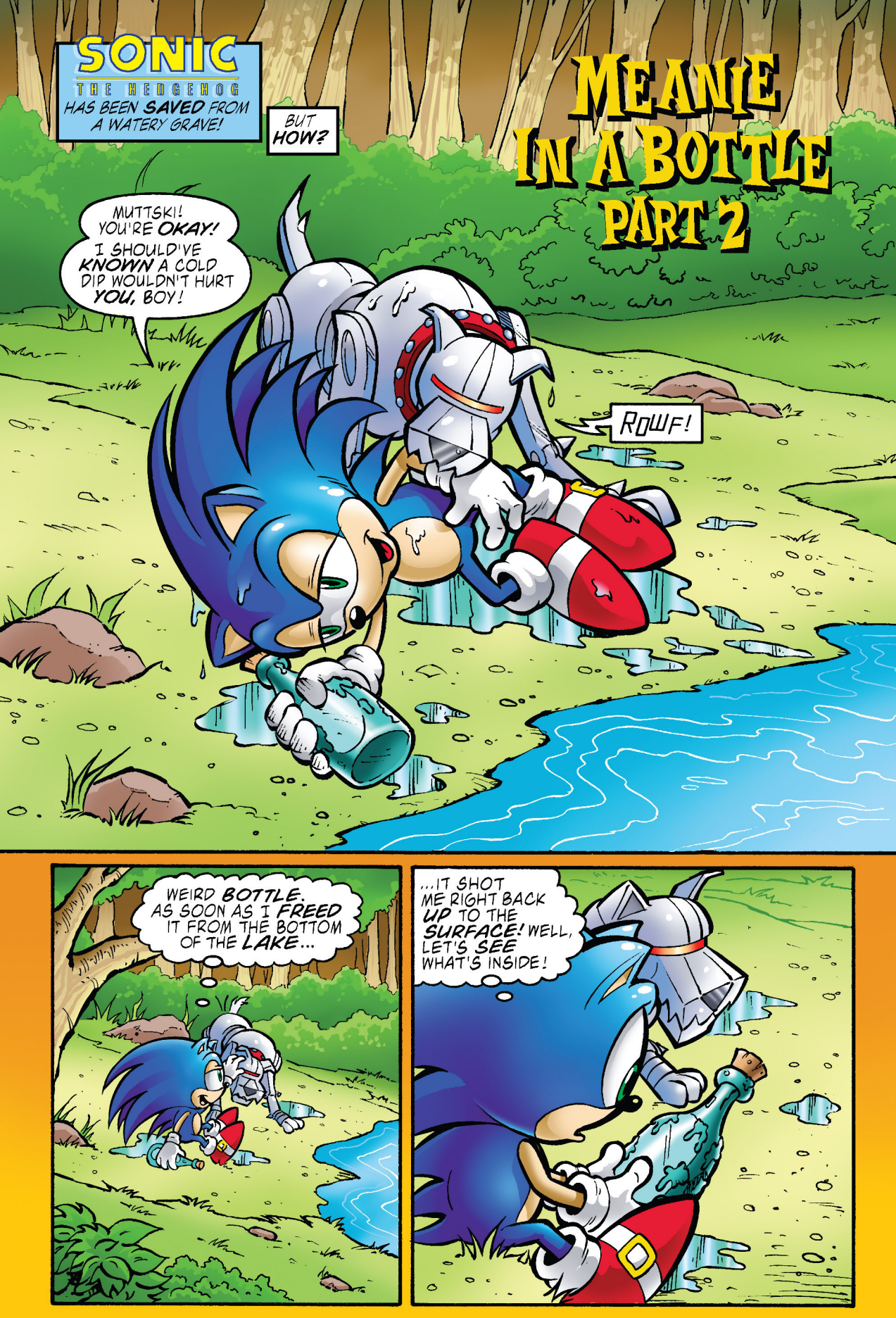

...HE PRIZES HIS POOCH MORE!
UH-OH! MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A HOT IDEA!
DEEP...
...DOWN...
...INTO THE MURK THE HAPLESS HEDGEHOG SINKS!
UNTIL...
?
KAFF KAFF SPUTTER
END OF CHAPTER 1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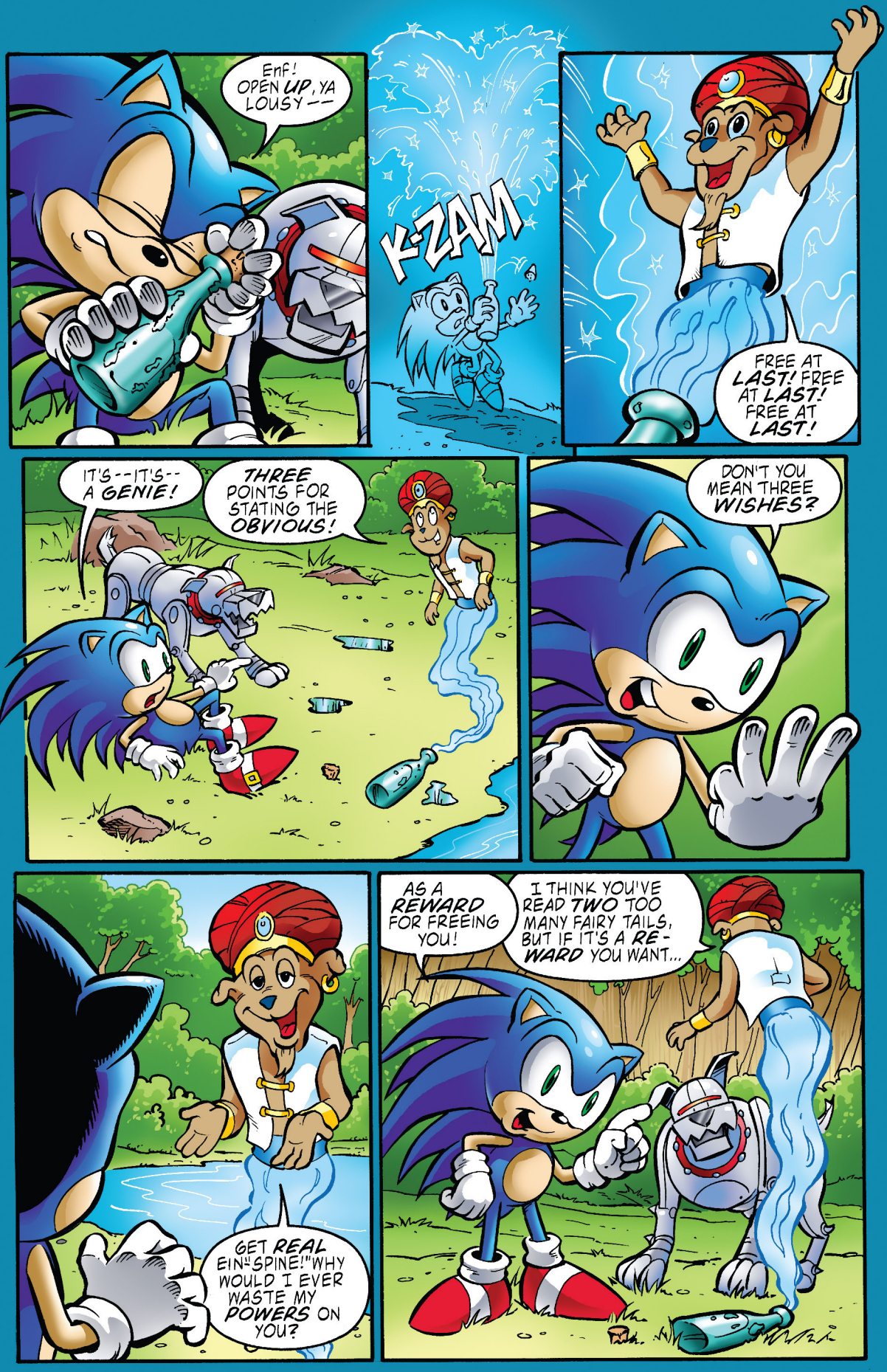
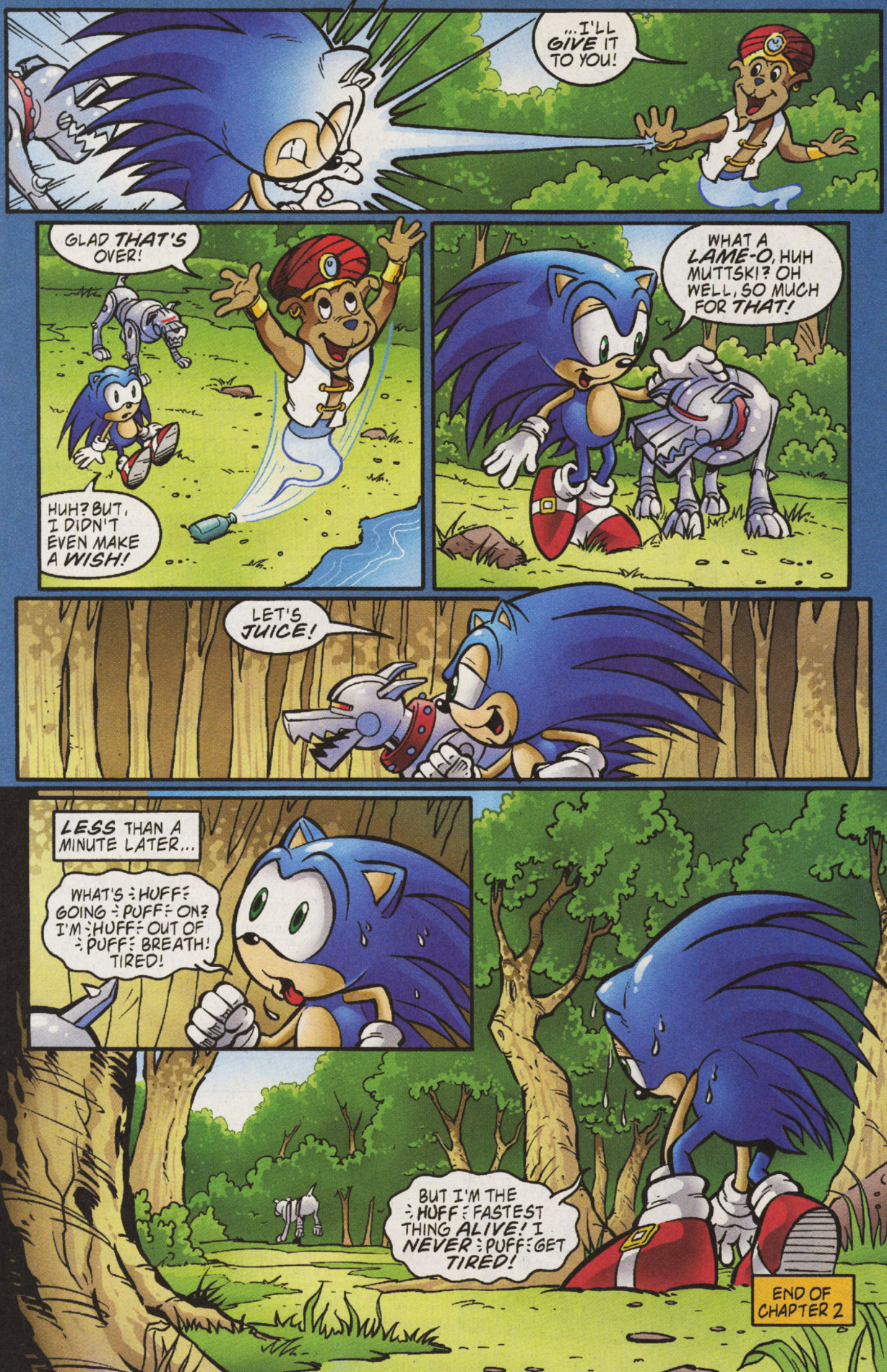
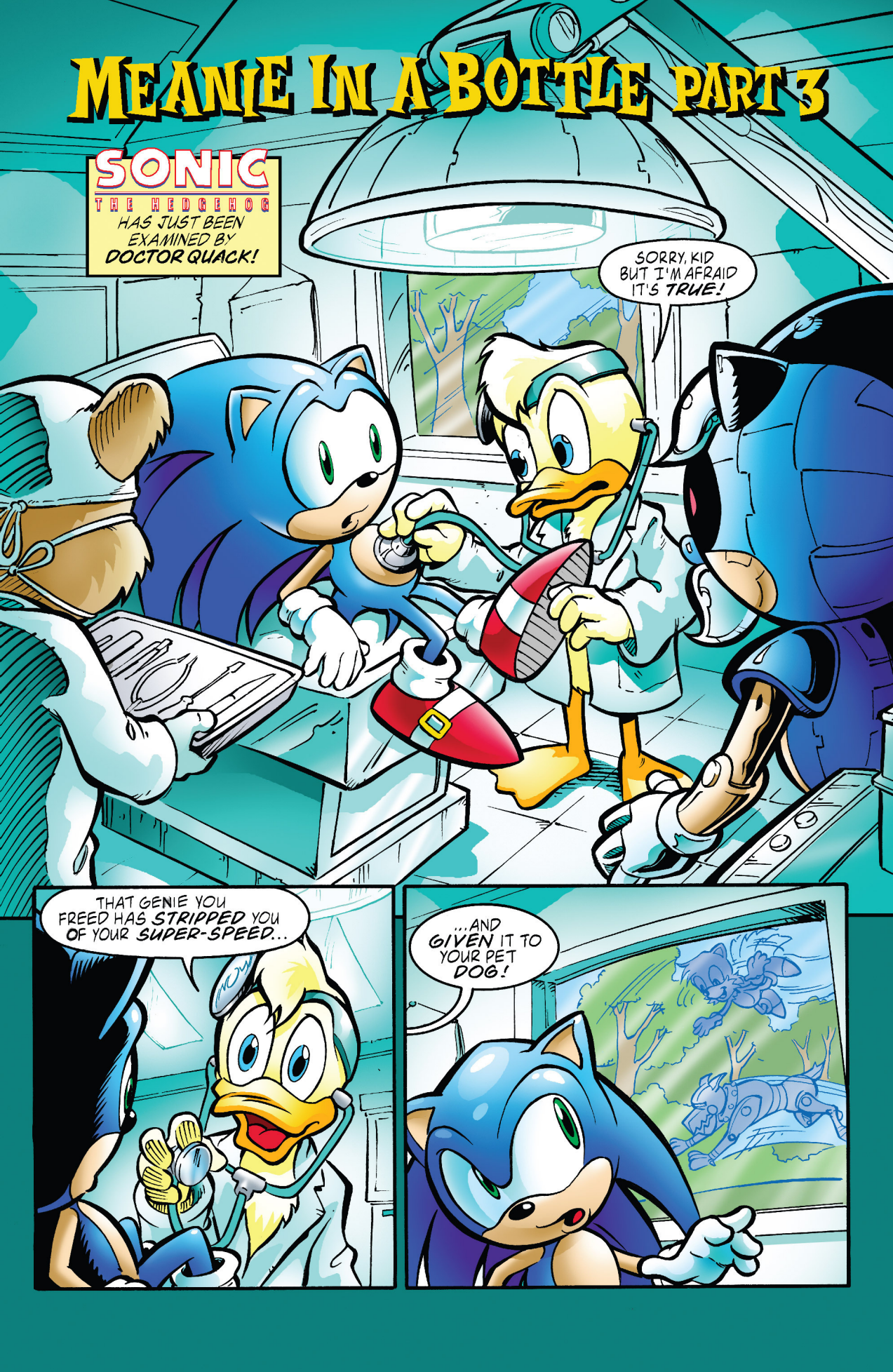
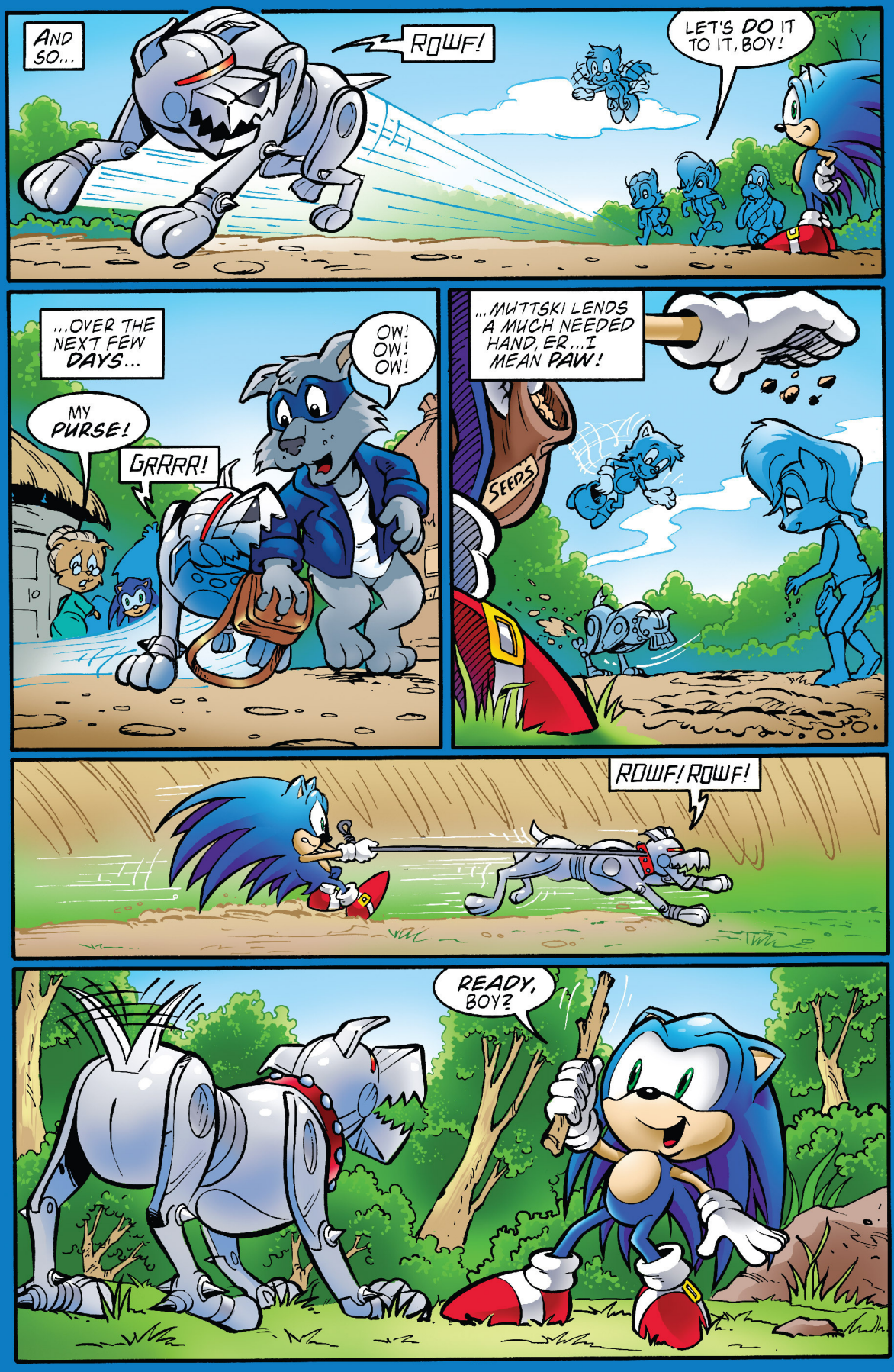
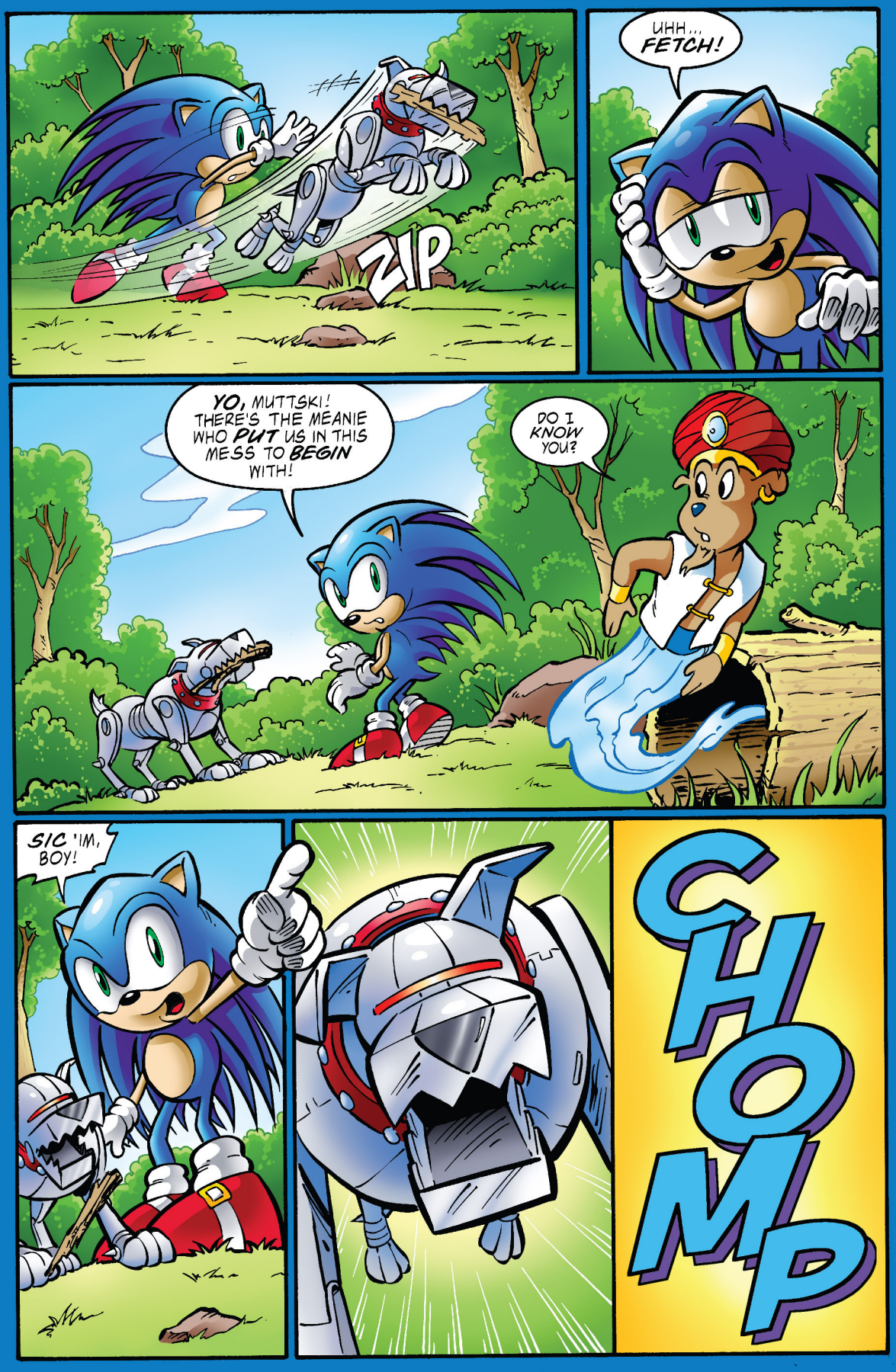
THE HEDGEHOG
HAS BEEN SAVED FROM A WATERY GRAVE!
BUT HOW?
MEANIE IN A BOTTLE PART 2
MUTTSKI! YOU'RE OKAY! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN A COLD DIP WOULDN'T HURT YOU, BOY!
ROWF!
WEIRD BOTTLE. AS SOON AS I FREED IT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE...
...IT SHOT ME RIGHT BACK UP TO THE SURFACE! WELL, LET'S SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!


Enf! OPEN UP, YA LOUSY--
K-ZAM
FREE AT LAST! FREE AT LAST! FREE AT LAST!
IT'S--IT'S--A GENIE!
THREE POINTS FOR STATING THE OBVIOUS!
DON'T YOU MEAN THREE WISHES?
GET REAL EIN!! SPINE!" WHY WOULD I EVER WASTE MY POWERS ON YOU?
AS A REWARD FOR FREEING YOU!
I THINK YOU'VE READ TWO TOO MANY FAIRY TAILS, BUT IF IT'S A RE-WARD YOU WANT...

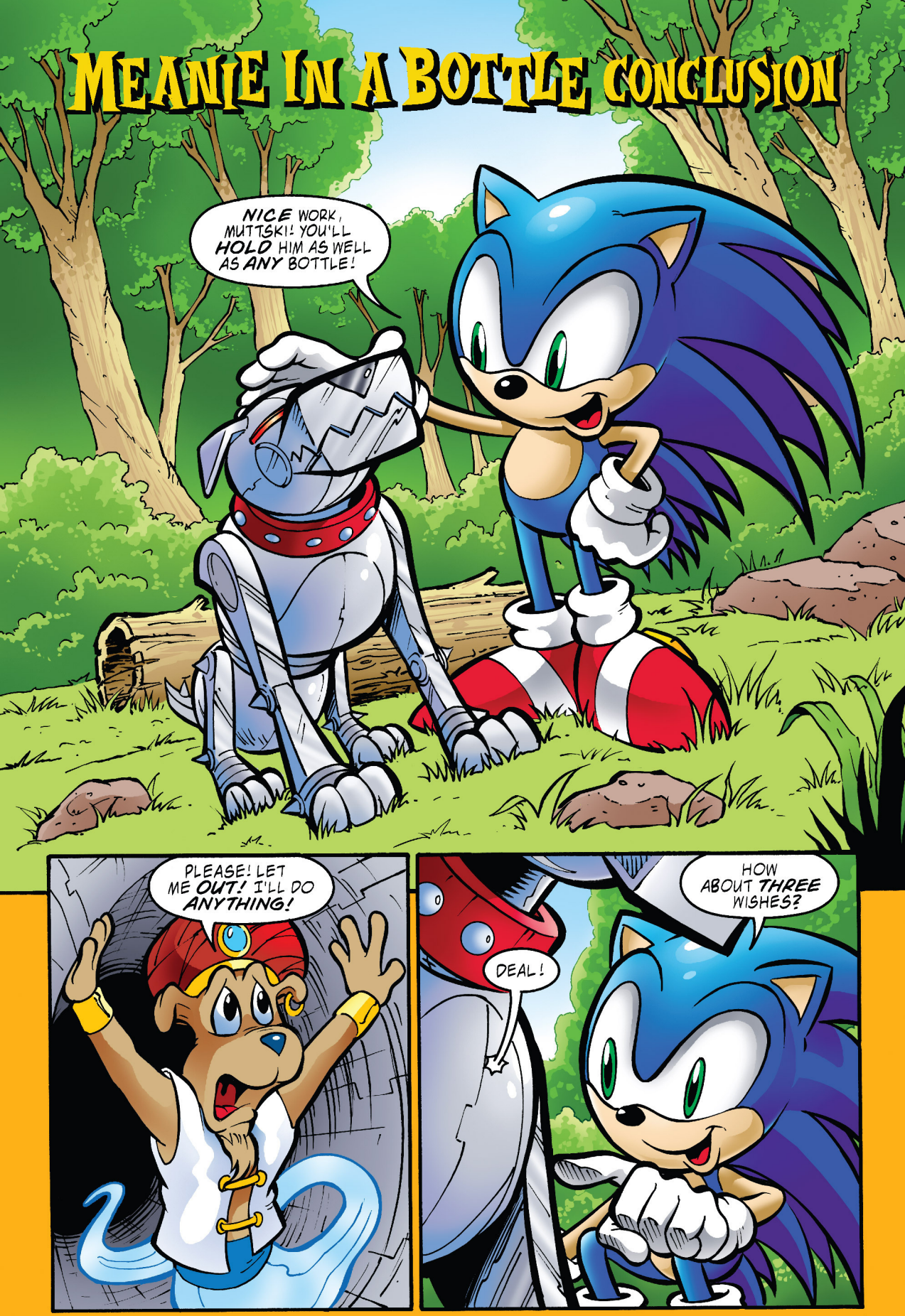

...I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!
GLAD THAT'S OVER!
HUH? BUT, I DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A WISH!
WHAT A LAME-O, HUH MUTTSKI? OH WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT!
LET'S JUICE!
LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER...
WHAT'S :HUFF: GOING :PUFF: ON? I'M :HUFF: OUT OF :PUFF: BREATH! TIRED!
BUT I'M THE :HUFF: FASTEST THING ALIVE! I NEVER :PUFF: GET TIRED!
END OF CHAPTER 2

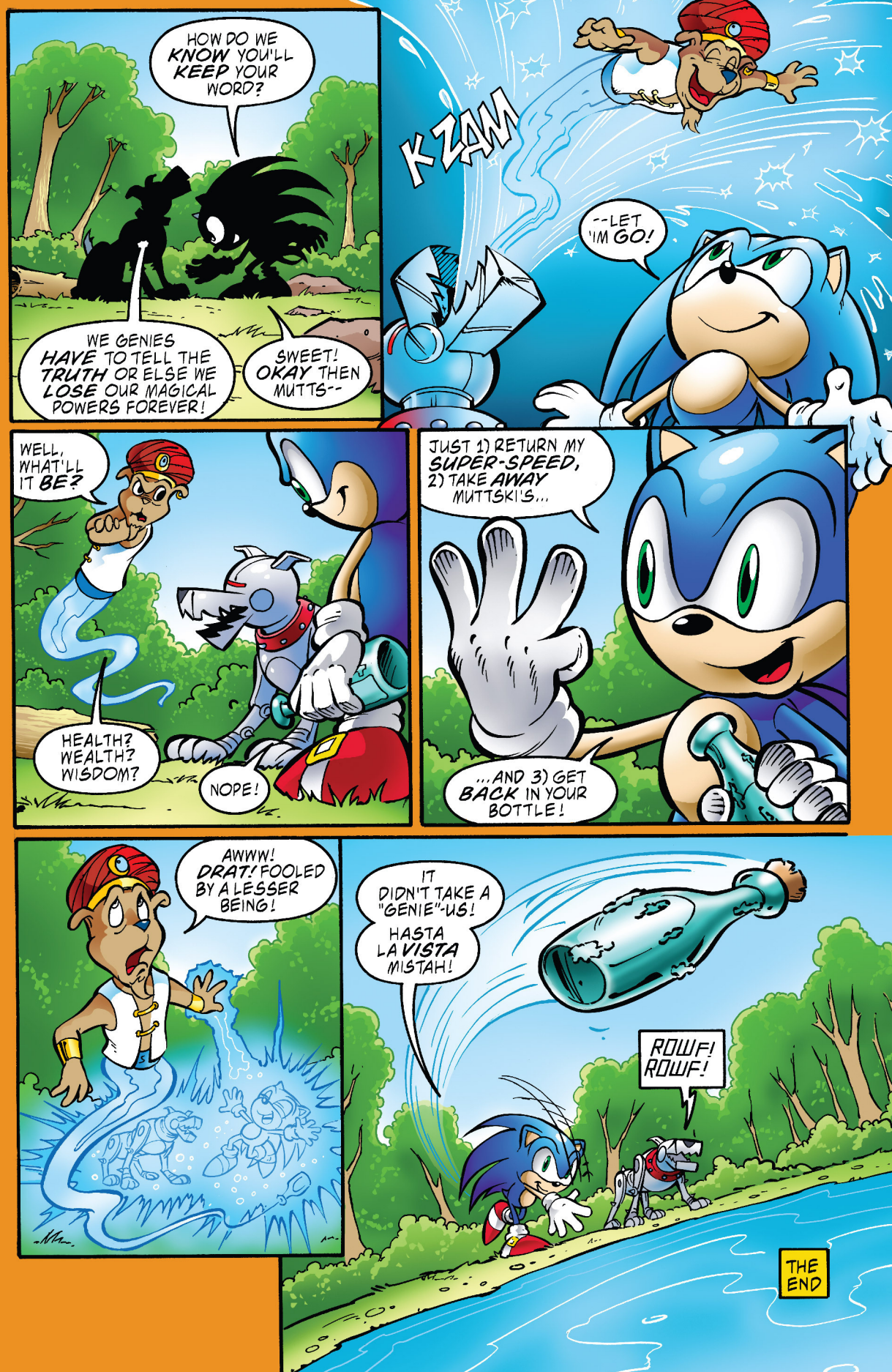

MEANIE IN A BOTTLE PART 3
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS JUST BEEN EXAMINED BY DOCTOR QUACK!
SORRY, KID BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S TRUE!
THAT GENIE YOU FREED HAS STRIPPED YOU OF YOUR SUPER-SPEED...
...AND GIVEN IT TO YOUR PET DOG!


AND SO...
ROWF!
LET'S DO IT TO IT, BOY!
...OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS...
OW! OW! OW!
MY PURSE!
GRRRR!
...MUTTSKI LENDS A MUCH NEEDED HAND, ER...I MEAN PAW!
SEEDS
ROWF! ROWF!
READY, BOY?


ZIP
UHH... FETCH!
YO, MUTTSKI! THERE'S THE MEANIE WHO PUT US IN THIS MESS TO BEGIN WITH!
DO I KNOW YOU?
SIC 'IM, BOY!
CHOMP

MEANIE IN A BOTTLE CONCLUSION




HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'LL KEEP YOUR WORD?
WE GENIES HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH OR ELSE WE LOSE OUR MAGICAL POWERS FOREVER!
SWEET! OKAY THEN MUTTS--
KZAM
--LET 'IM GO!
WELL, WHAT'LL IT BE?
HEALTH? WEALTH? WISDOM?
NOPE!
JUST 1) RETURN MY SUPER-SPEED, 2) TAKE AWAY MUTTSKI'S...
...AND 3) GET BACK IN YOUR BOTTLE!
AWWW! DRAT! FOOLED BY A LESSER BEING!
IT DIDN'T TAKE A "GENIE"-US!
HASTA LA VISTA MISTAH!
ROWF! ROWF!
THE END

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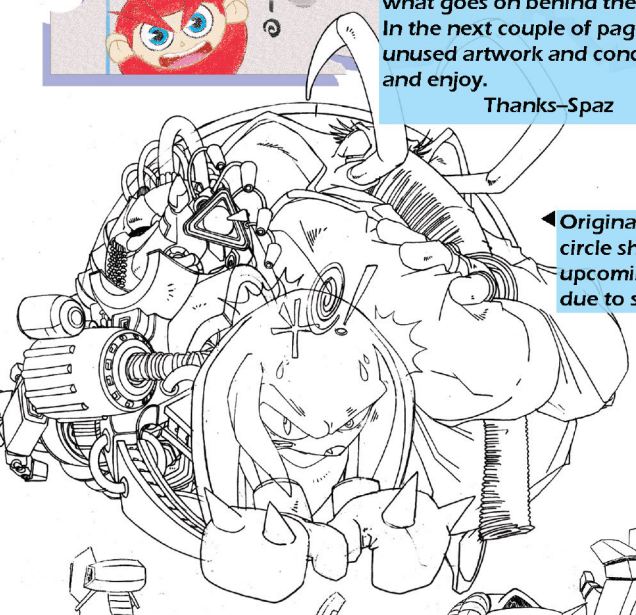
Hey Sonic Fans, Spaz here. Justin asked me if I could share with you a little of what goes on behind the scenes here at Archie regarding Sonic design work. In the next couple of pages, I'll be showing you some of the character sketches, unused artwork and concept art that never made it to print. So, check it out and enjoy.

Thanks–Spaz



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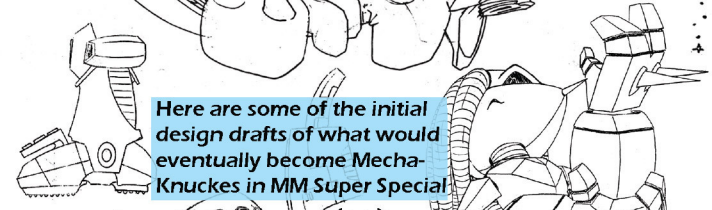
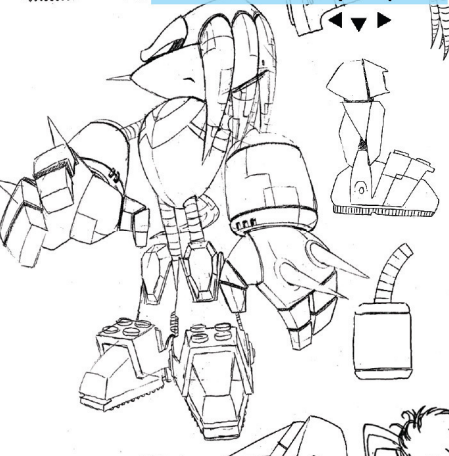
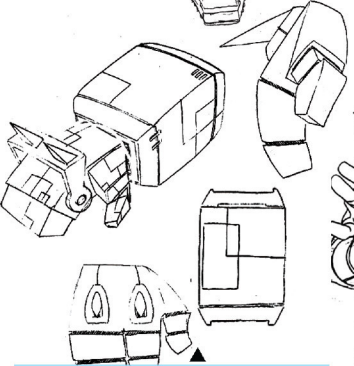
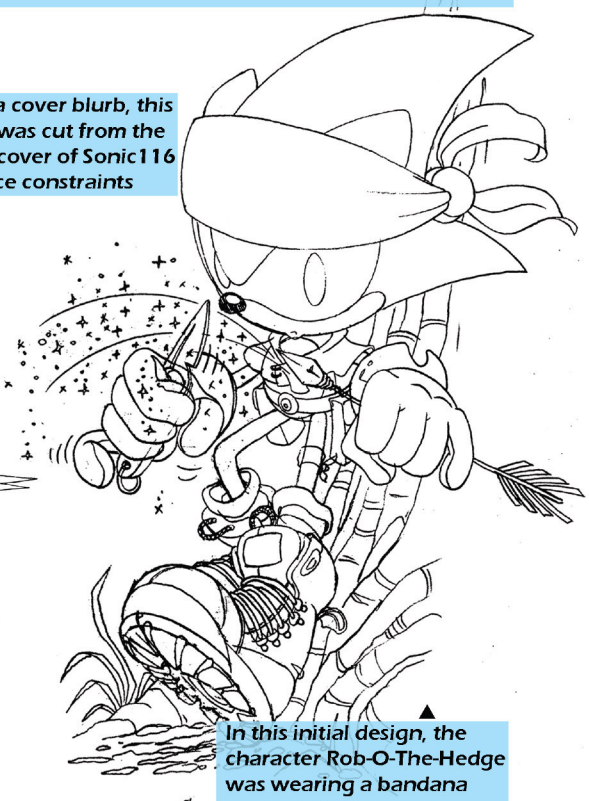


Here are some of the initial design drafts of what would eventually become Mecha-Knuckes in MM Super Special





These mechanical glove and wrist designs were also part of the Mecha Knuckles design process



In this initial design, the character Rob-O-The-Hedge was wearing a bandana and only had two spines

The first cover layout for Sonic 113 had the wolfpack & Sonic in their latest forms rather than their original designs

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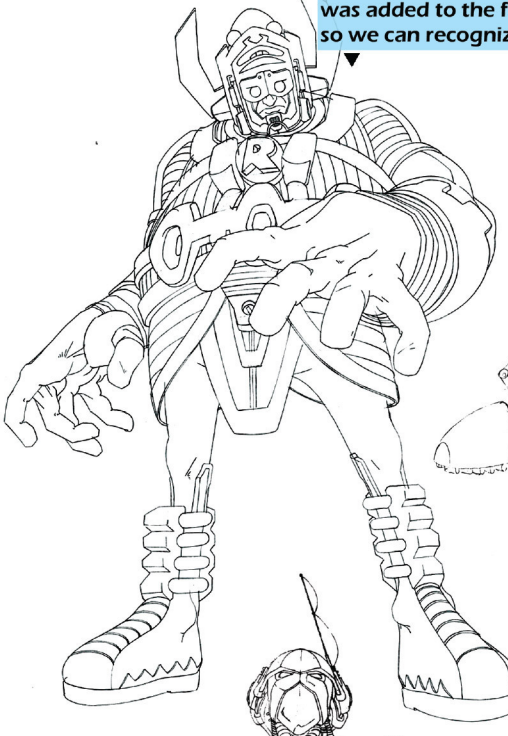
This was the original design of Robolactus in Sonic #104. A mustache was added to the final image so we can recognize him as Robotnik



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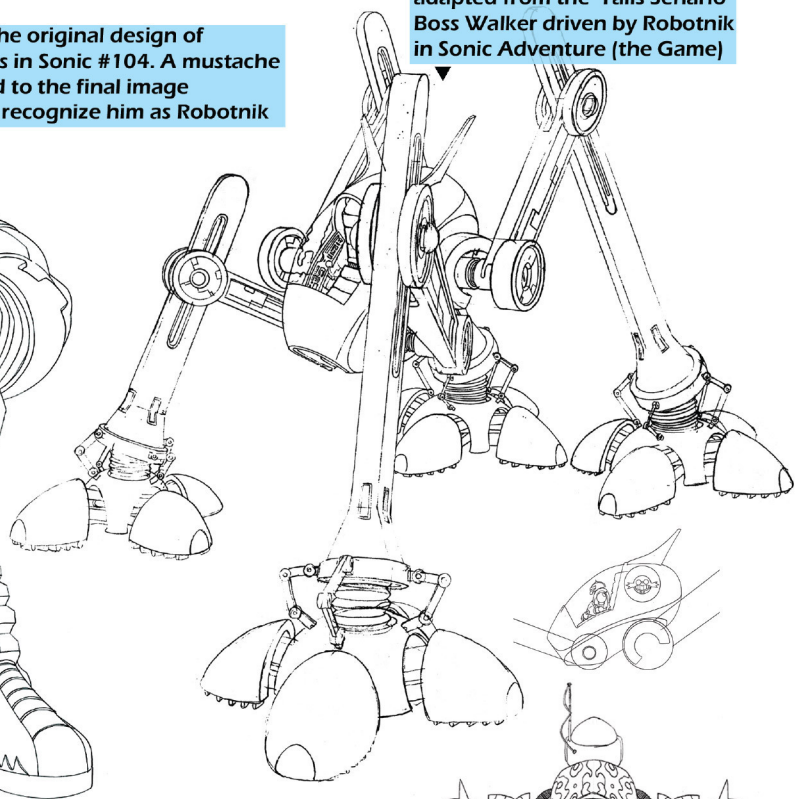
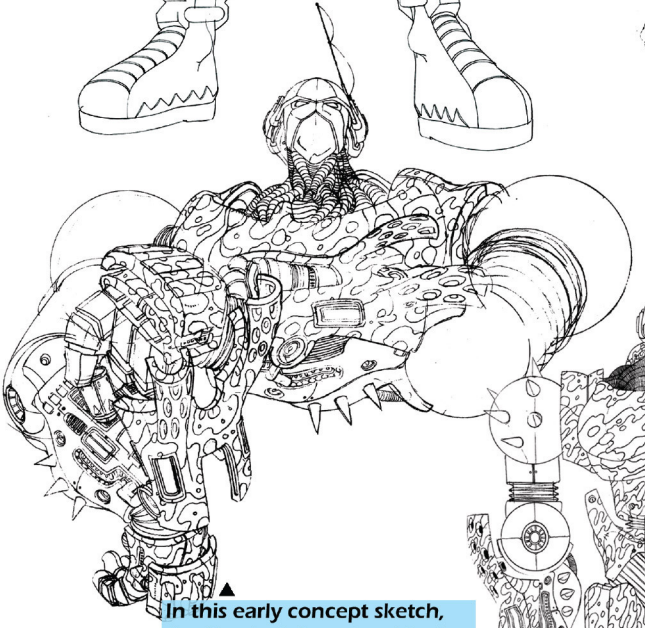
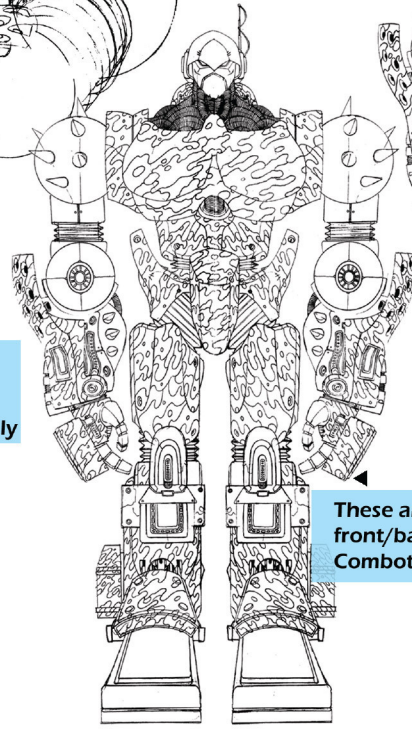
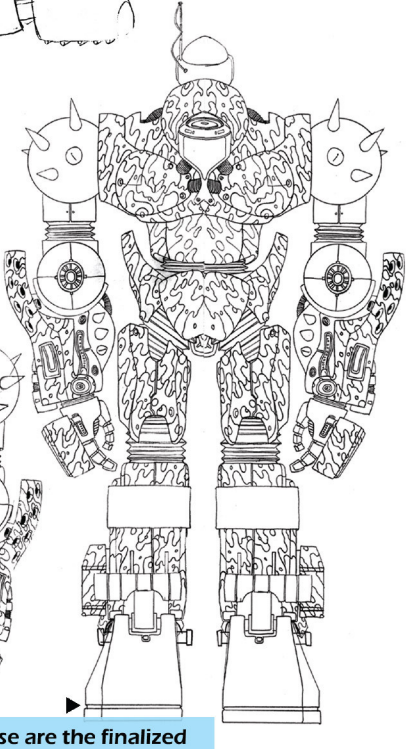




In this early concept sketch, the Combot, 'type two,' had a wrist-mounted cannon, that could be loaded manually





These are the finalized front/back shots of the Combot, 'type two'

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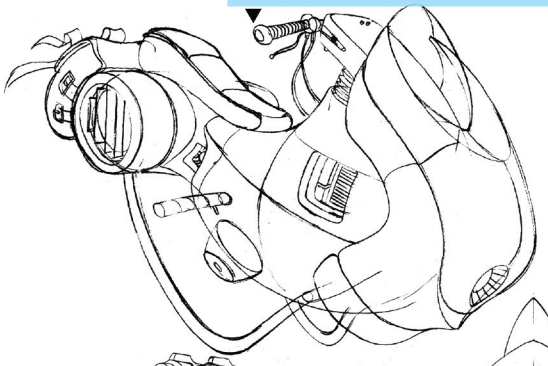
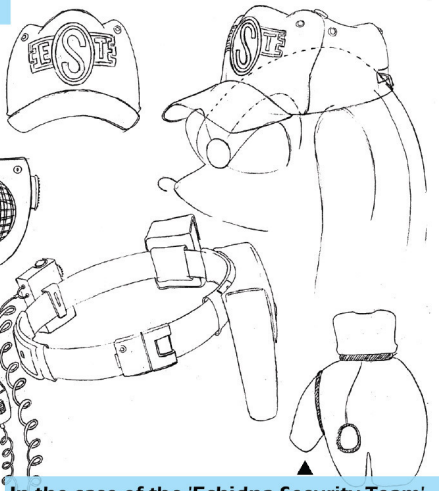
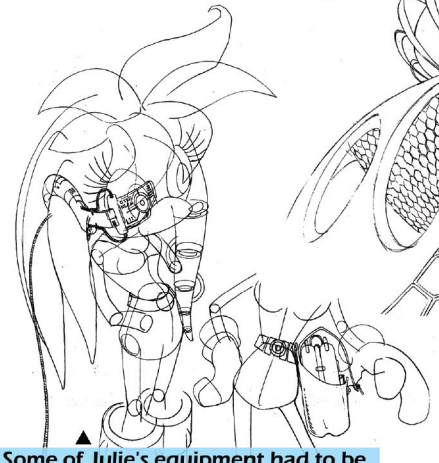
Julie Su's Sky Cycle, originally only appearing on some covers for an interesting visual, was later written into the stories as one of her numerous Techno-Gadgets

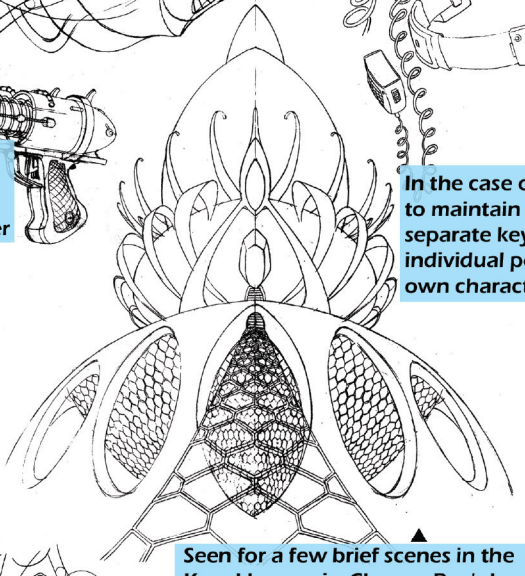




Julie Su's twin barrel handgun, originally slated as the weapon for her first appearance, was dropped in favor of a hand taser

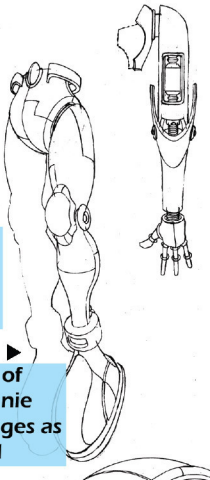
In the case of the 'Echidna Security Team', to maintain a consistant uniform design, separate key elements are drawn, leaving the individual penciler freedom to create his/her own characters, while maintaining continuity



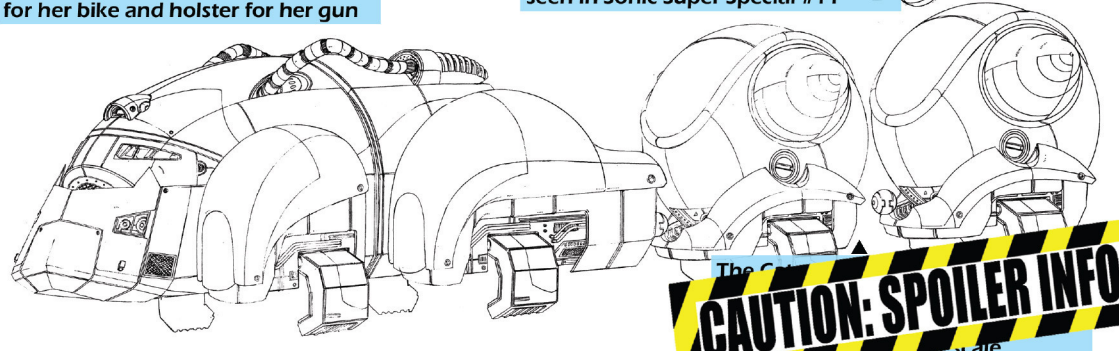


Seen for a few brief scenes in the Knuckles comic, Charmy Bee's home was centered around the idea of a beehive/medieval castle

Some of Julie's equipment had to be updated for her appearance in SSS #11 including a heads-up display for her bike and holster for her gun



Here are the finalized versions of what would eventually be Bunnie Rabbot's new robotic appendages as seen in Sonic Super Special #11



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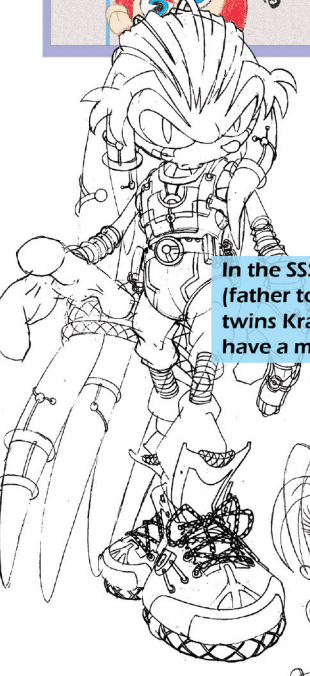
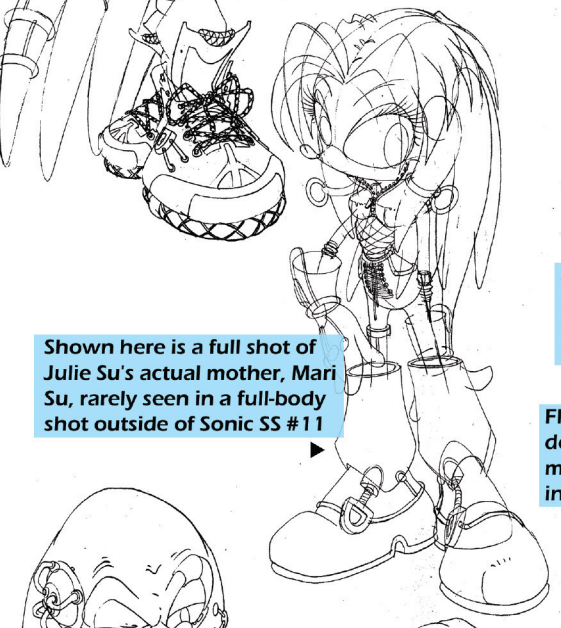
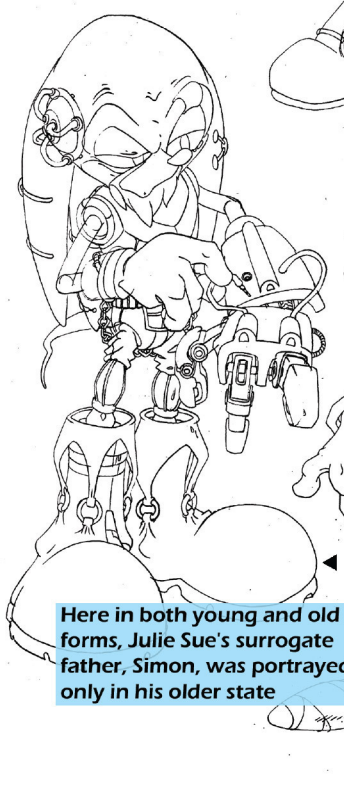


In the SSS#11 story 'Shadows', Luger (father to both Julie Su and the evil twins Kragok & Kommissar), had to have a menacing yet gentle look

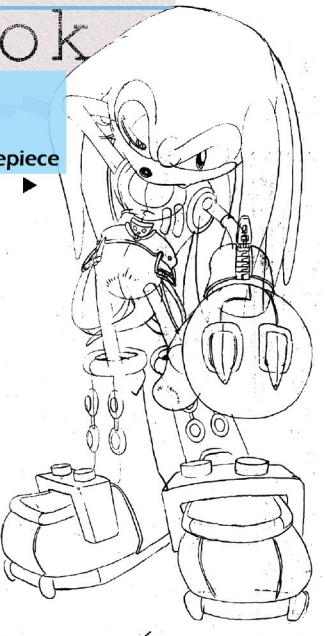


Shown here is a full shot of Julie Su's actual mother, Mari Su, rarely seen in a full-body shot outside of Sonic SS #11

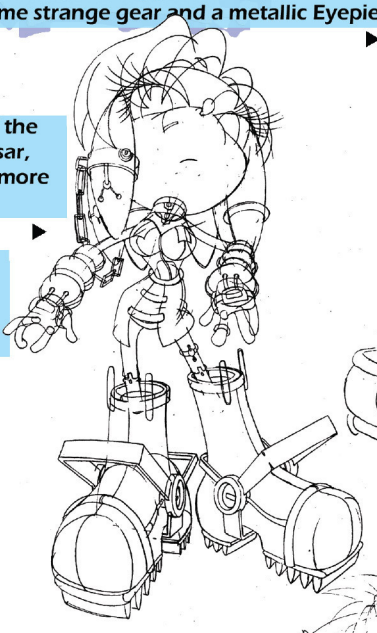


Here in both young and old forms, Julie Sue's surrogate father, Simon, was portrayed only in his older state

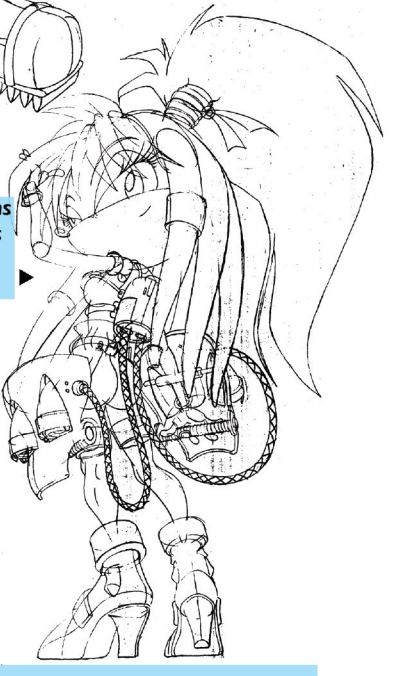
Originally slated for a future Special, and seen briefly in another book, Knuckles, Twenty years later, sports some strange gear and a metallic Eyepiece



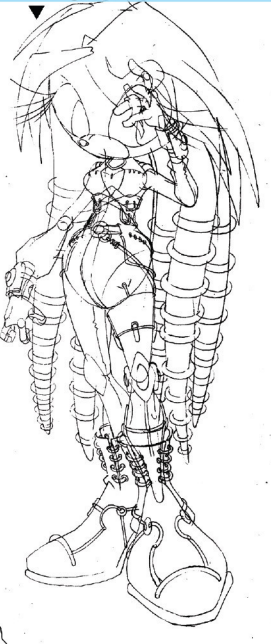
As the birth mother of the evil Kragok & Kommissar, Merin-Da was given a more 'Hard-Edged' design



Julie Su, Twenty Years later, has a slight hairstyle change, a less robotic group of dreads, and carries some serious firepower



Floren-Ca started out as the design for Julie Su's birth mother, but was later switched in the design process



Here's a full body shot of the child versions of Kragok and his sister Lien- Da (Kommissar)

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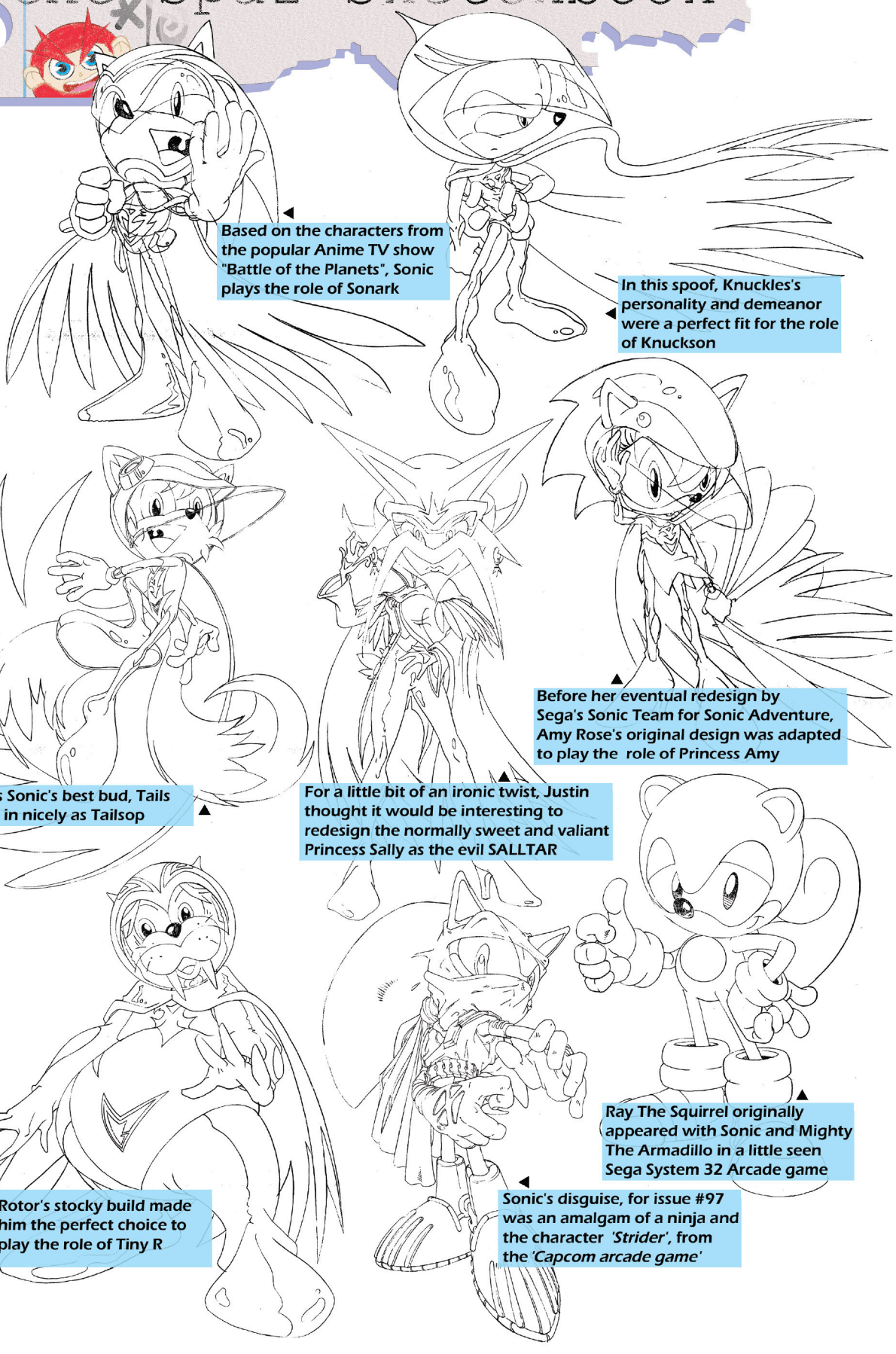

Based on the characters from the popular Anime TV show "Battle of the Planets", Sonic plays the role of Sonark

In this spoof, Knuckles's personality and demeanor were a perfect fit for the role of Knuckson

Before her eventual redesign by Sega's Sonic Team for Sonic Adventure, Amy Rose's original design was adapted to play the role of Princess Amy

As Sonic's best bud, Tails fit in nicely as Tailsop

For a little bit of an ironic twist, Justin thought it would be interesting to redesign the normally sweet and valiant Princess Sally as the evil SALLTAR

Ray The Squirrel originally appeared with Sonic and Mighty The Armadillo in a little seen Sega System 32 Arcade game

Sonic's disguise, for issue #97 was an amalgam of a ninja and the character *'Strider'*, from the *'Capcom arcade game'*

Rotor's stocky build made him the perfect choice to play the role of Tiny R

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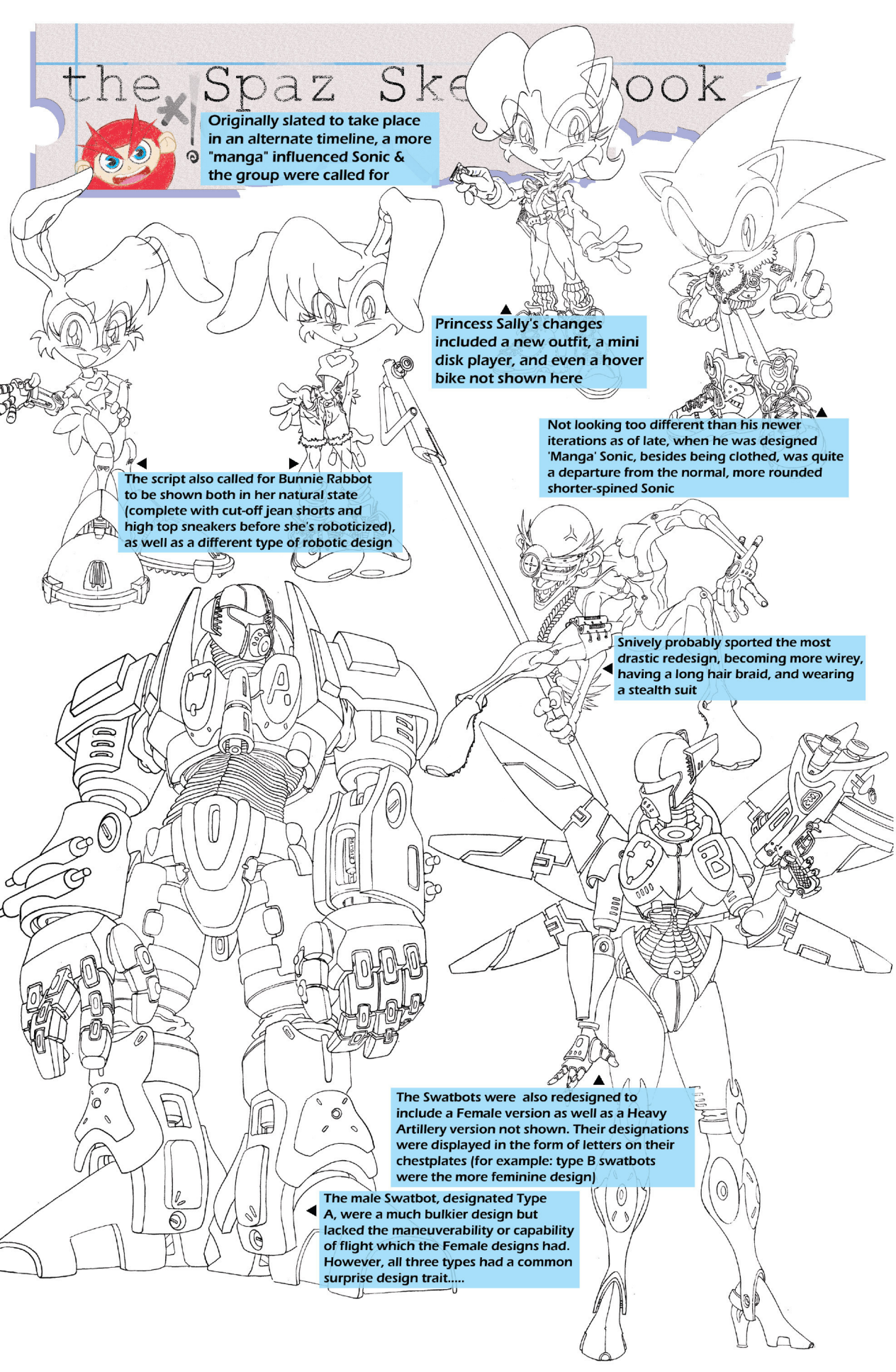

Originally slated to take place in an alternate timeline, a more "manga" influenced Sonic & the group were called for

Princess Sally's changes included a new outfit, a mini disk player, and even a hover bike not shown here

Not looking too different than his newer iterations as of late, when he was designed 'Manga' Sonic, besides being clothed, was quite a departure from the normal, more rounded shorter-spined Sonic

The script also called for Bunnie Rabbot to be shown both in her natural state (complete with cut-off jean shorts and high top sneakers before she's roboticized), as well as a different type of robotic design

Snively probably sported the most drastic redesign, becoming more wirey, having a long hair braid, and wearing a stealth suit

The Swatbots were also redesigned to include a Female version as well as a Heavy Artillery version not shown. Their designations were displayed in the form of letters on their chestplates (for example: type B swatbots were the more feminine design)

The male Swatbot, designated Type A, were a much bulkier design but lacked the maneuverability or capability of flight which the Female designs had. However, all three types had a common surprise design trait.....

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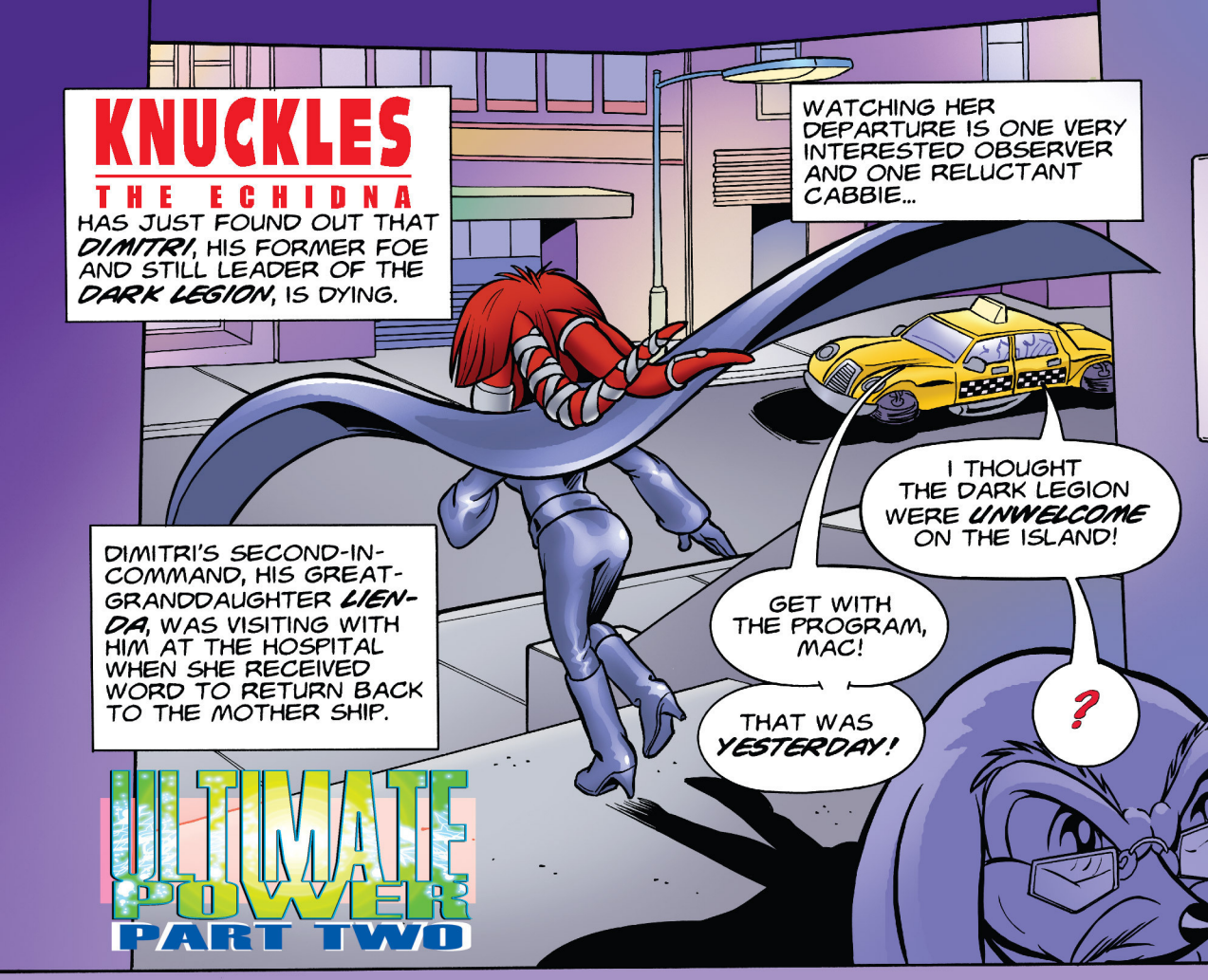
As a final bonus, we present to you some sneak preview characters that will be appearing in future issues of Sonic The Hedgehog comics. Because these are as yet unseen characters, we cannot reveal their identities here, but we can give you a little teaser. So check them out and enjoy. Maybe you can guess who a couple of them are.Thanks again for reading.

—Spaz


KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA
HAS JUST FOUND OUT THAT DIMITRI, HIS FORMER FOE AND STILL LEADER OF THE DARK LEGION, IS DYING.
DIMITRI'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND, HIS GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER LIENDA, WAS VISITING WITH HIM AT THE HOSPITAL WHEN SHE RECEIVED WORD TO RETURN BACK TO THE MOTHER SHIP.
WATCHING HER DEPARTURE IS ONE VERY INTERESTED OBSERVER AND ONE RELUCTANT CABBIE...
I THOUGHT THE DARK LEGION WERE UNWELCOME ON THE ISLAND!
GET WITH THE PROGRAM, MAC!
THAT WAS YESTERDAY!
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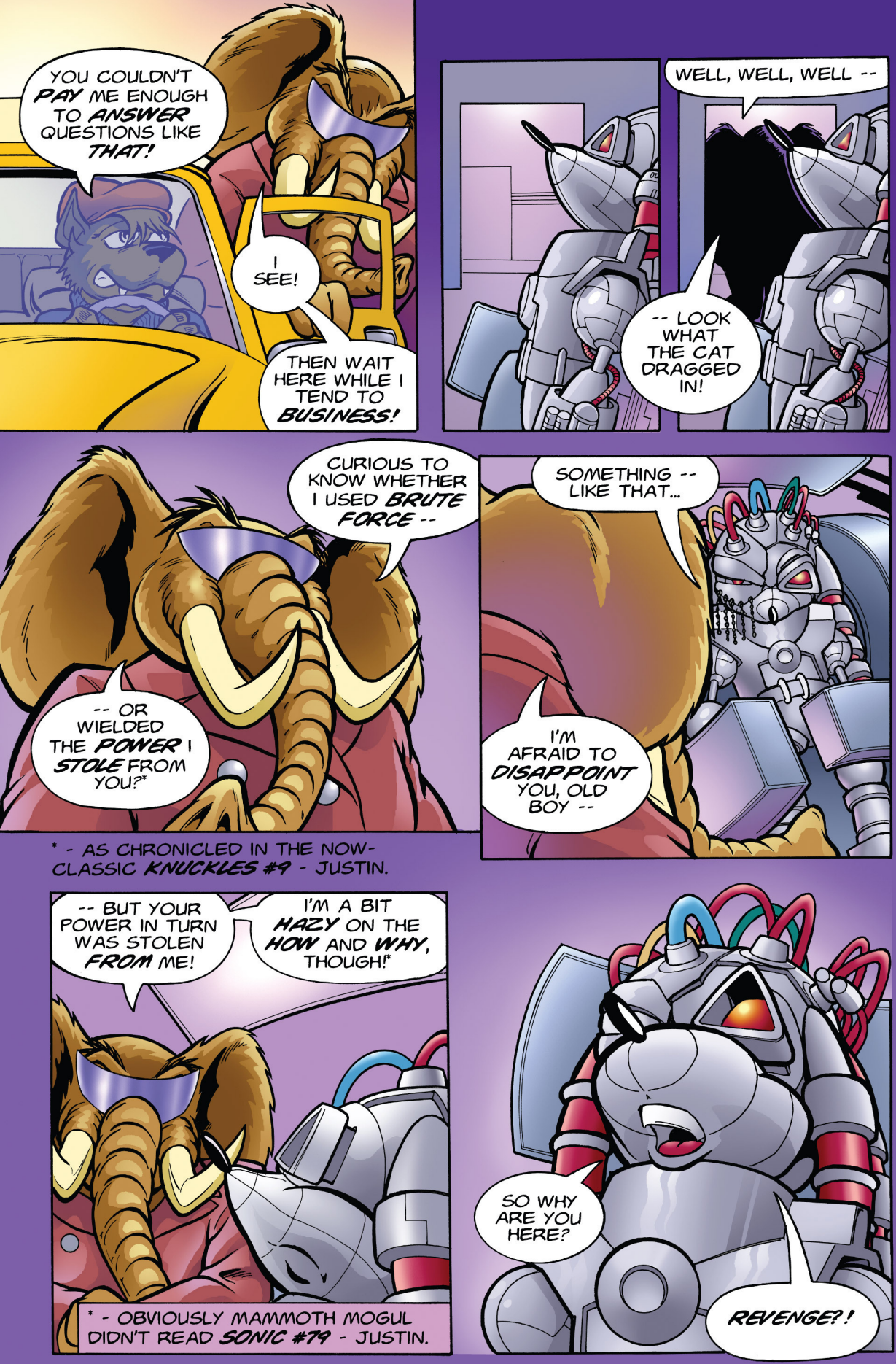
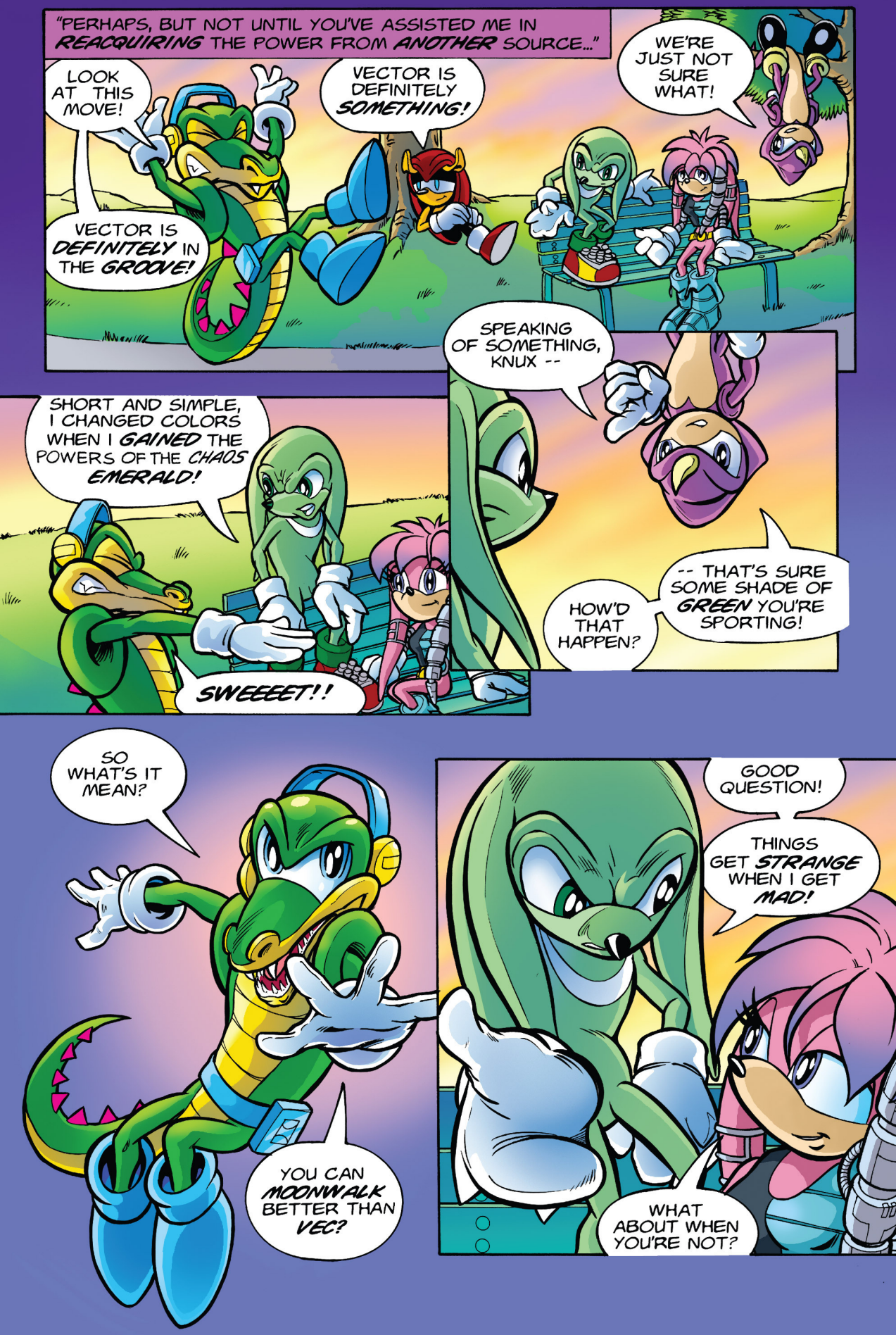
ULTIMATE POWER
PART TWO

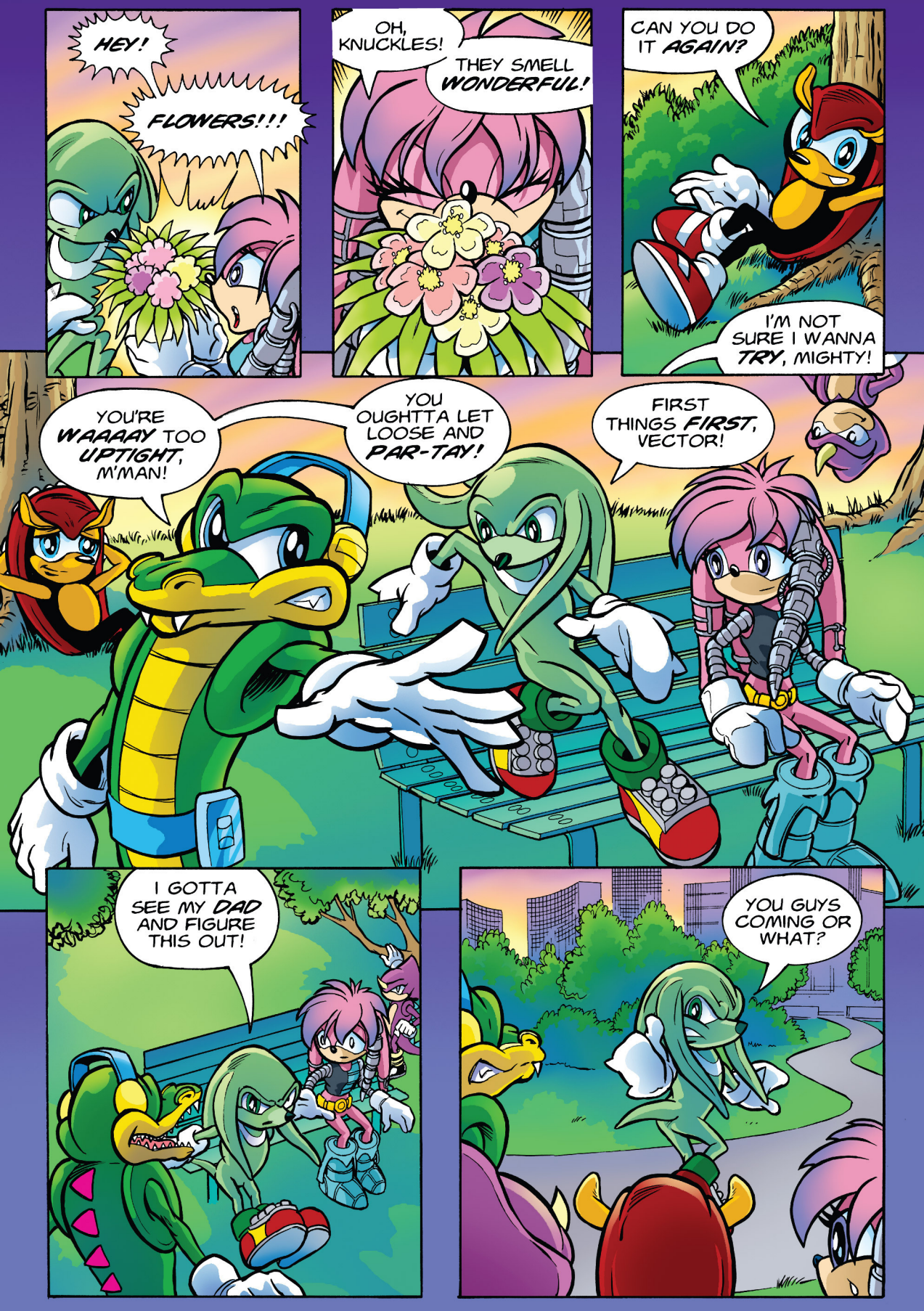
ONCE AGAIN OUR INTREPID TEAM --

KEN PENDERS — SCRIPT, LAYOUTS & INKS
DAWN BEST — PENCILS
VICKIE WILLIAMS — LETTERER
JENSEN — COLORIST
JUSTIN GABRIE — EDITOR

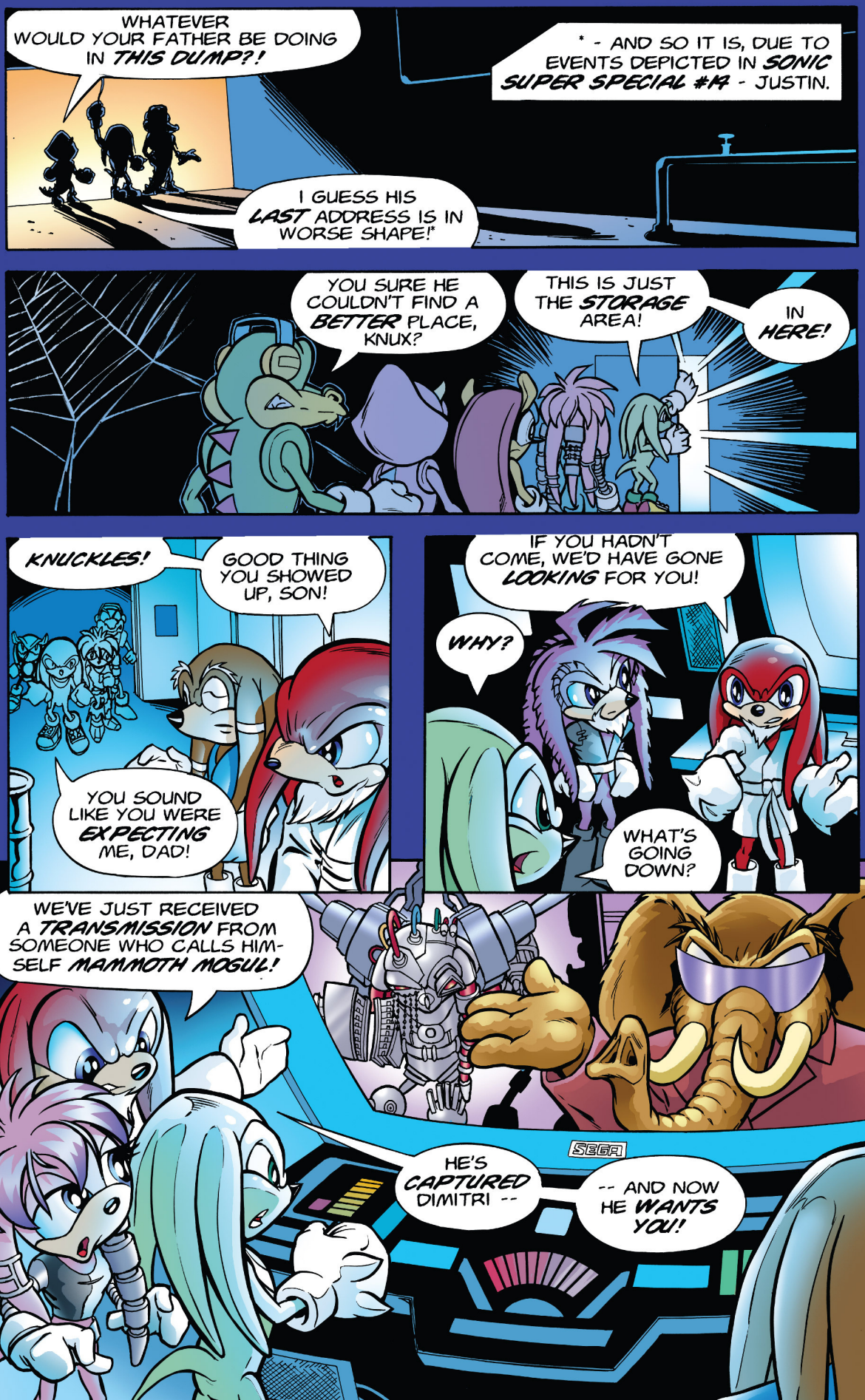
-- EMBARKS ON A NEW ADVENTURE FEATURING EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA!


YOU COULDN'T PAY ME ENOUGH TO ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE THAT!
I SEE!
THEN WAIT HERE WHILE I TEND TO BUSINESS!
WELL, WELL, WELL --
-- LOOK WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN!
CURIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER I USED BRUTE FORCE --
-- OR WIELDED THE POWER I STOLE FROM YOU?*
SOMETHING -- LIKE THAT...
I'M AFRAID TO DISAPPOINT YOU, OLD BOY --
* - AS CHRONICLED IN THE NOW-CLASSIC KNUCKLES #9 - JUSTIN.
-- BUT YOUR POWER IN TURN WAS STOLEN FROM ME!
I'M A BIT HAZY ON THE HOW AND WHY, THOUGH!*
* - OBVIOUSLY MAMMOTH MOGUL DIDN'T READ SONIC #79 - JUSTIN.
SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?
REVENGE?!


"PERHAPS, BUT NOT UNTIL YOU'VE ASSISTED ME IN REACQUIRING THE POWER FROM ANOTHER SOURCE..."
LOOK AT THIS MOVE!
VECTOR IS DEFINITELY IN THE GROOVE!
VECTOR IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING!
WE'RE JUST NOT SURE WHAT!
SPEAKING OF SOMETHING, KNUX --
-- THAT'S SURE SOME SHADE OF GREEN YOU'RE SPORTING!
HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?
SHORT AND SIMPLE, I CHANGED COLORS WHEN I GAINED THE POWERS OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!
SWEEEET!!
SO WHAT'S IT MEAN?
YOU CAN MOONWALK BETTER THAN VEC?
GOOD QUESTION!
THINGS GET STRANGE WHEN I GET MAD!
WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU'RE NOT?


HEY!
FLOWERS!!!
OH, KNUCKLES!
THEY SMELL WONDERFUL!
CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN?
I'M NOT SURE I WANNA TRY, MIGHTY!
YOU'RE WAAAAY TOO UPTIGHT, M'MAN!
YOU OUGHTTA LET LOOSE AND PAR-TAY!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, VECTOR!
I GOTTA SEE MY DAD AND FIGURE THIS OUT!
YOU GUYS COMING OR WHAT?

ELSEWHERE IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS, UNSEEN FROM PRYING EYES...
WE'VE JUST ABOUT FINISHED INSTALLING THE COM-CONSOLES.
ONCE THE FINAL CONNECTIONS ARE MADE, WE CAN BEGIN SIMULATIONS!
EXCELLENT!
KOMMISSAR WILL BE PLEASED WITH OUR PROGRESS!
SPEAKING OF WHICH --
HAVE YOU ANY NEWS OF GREAT DIMITRI, KOMMISSAR?
NOTHING FAVORABLE AT THE MOMENT, GAE-NA --
-- BUT THERE IS STILL HOPE!
IN THE MEANTIME --
-- THE HIGH COUNCIL HAS NOT YET VOTED THEIR APPROVAL OF REUNIFICATION --
-- FORCING US TO CONTINUE WITH OUR BACK-UP PLAN JUST IN CASE.
HERE'S A REPORT ON OUR CURRENT STATUS!
AND WHAT ABOUT KNUCKLES?
WHERE-ABOUTS IS OUR -- ALLY?


WHATEVER WOULD YOUR FATHER BE DOING IN THIS DUMP?!
* - AND SO IT IS, DUE TO EVENTS DEPICTED IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14 - JUSTIN.
I GUESS HIS LAST ADDRESS IS IN WORSE SHAPE!*
YOU SURE HE COULDN'T FIND A BETTER PLACE, KNUX?
THIS IS JUST THE STORAGE AREA!
IN HERE!
KNUCKLES!
GOOD THING YOU SHOWED UP, SON!
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU WERE EXPECTING ME, DAD!
IF YOU HADN'T COME, WE'D HAVE GONE LOOKING FOR YOU!
WHY?
WHAT'S GOING DOWN?
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED A TRANSMISSION FROM SOMEONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF MAMMOTH MOGUL!
HE'S CAPTURED DIMITRI --
-- AND NOW HE WANTS YOU!
SEGA